(c) Spectrum Policy would take into account all relevant issues, including spectrum allocation issues for 3G services. Nevertheless, there is no constraint on spectrum availability for the spread of existing second generation (2G) mobile services in the rural areas.

Amendment in website

2968. SHRISHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI KAMALAKHTAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission has recently instructed the Department of Personnel and Training to amend its website, which indicates that "file noting" are not included under the Right to Information Act despite Commission Orders to the contrary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) In an appeal filed by Shri Pyarelal Verma against Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), the Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, in his Order dated 13/07/2006, *inter alia* directed the Department of Personnel and Training to remove the instruction relating to non-disclosure of file notings from its website. According to legal opinion made available to Government, the order of Central Information Commission is void.

Implementation of Reservation of SCs/STs/OBCs

†2969. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:
PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that policy for reservation in jobs for SCs/STs and OBCs is not being followed properiy in all ministries/departments/ undertakings/related institutions and bodies etc. of Central Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that partiality and discrimination is done at the time of interview for selection of reserved category candidates as a result vacancies for reserved category are not filled; and

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© if so, the details thereof and the backlog of vacancies for reserved category in the light of part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Policy of reservation for SCs, STs & OBCs in services under the Government of India is being followed as per instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training from time to time. Central Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies etc. also follow these instructions *mutatis mutandis.*

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Amendment in RTI Act

†2970. DR.MURL1MANOHARJOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRIKAMALAKHTAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to amend the Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the said amendments and the reasons for bringing the same;

(c) whether the said facts is in force with similar amendments in America, England and Australia; and

(d) if so, whether it is not a fact that the new amendments in the Act by Government are slightly different from the amendments in force in the said countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Based on the experience of working of the RTI Act, 2005 Government proposes to make certain clarificatory and other changes in the Act.

(c) and (d) Information as to whether similar amendments has been made in their Acts by other countries, is not readily available.

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